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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in July was estimated at 1,681,300. June's revised estimate was 1,681,300 while the year-ago figure was 1,640,900.

Goods producing employment estimated at 336,400 was 1,900 below the June level, but was 8,500 above last year's figure. Mining edged up 100 in the oil and gas extraction sector. Construction showed a decline in all sectors, especially in heavy construction, due to business slowdowns and job completions. Durable and nondurable goods contributed equally to the drop in manufacturing employment.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,344,900 in July. This was 900 less than June, but 31,900 over the July, 1993 figure. Transportation continued its upward trend resulting in an increase in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry. Trade employment rose slightly in the general merchandise, food stores, auto dealers and service stations, and miscellaneous retail trade segments. Finance, insurance, and real estate continued to rise with the gain centered in the real estate sector. Services exhibited a substantial growth in the social services sector. Government employment was lower due to a seasonal decrease in local education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 134,900 production workers was $562.39 in July. This was a decrease of $8.33 from June, but an increase of $34.07 from last year. Average hourly earnings in July were $13.14, compared to $13.06 and $12.70 for June, 1994 and July, 1993 respectively. Average weekly hours of 42.8 for July displayed a decrease of 0.9 hours from June, but an increase of 1.2 hours from July of last year.

The July preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.7 percent, an increase from the June revised rate of 7.6 percent. The national unemployment rate for July was 6.1 percent, an increase from the June rate of 6.0 percent. Total unemployment for July increased to 150,500. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,948,700 with an increase in total employment to 1,798,200.

LOUISIANA

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,681.3	1,684.1	1,640.9	- 2.8	+40.4
GOODS PRODUCING	336.4	338.3	327.9	- 1.9	+ 8.5
MINING	46.4	46.3	45.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	44.5	44.4	44.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	104.4	105.6	96.6	- 1.2	+ 7.8
General Contractors	18.5	18.6	16.2	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	40.1	41.1	38.7	- 1.0	+ 1.4
Special Trade Contractors	45.8	45.9	41.7	- 0.1	+ 4.1
MANUFACTURING	185.6	186.4	185.5	- 0.8	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	79.2	79.6	78.5	- 0.4	+ 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	13.4	13.3	13.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.1	6.1	5.9	0	+ 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	12.8	13.0	13.8	- 0.2	- 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.8	12.9	12.8	- 0.1	0
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	21.5	21.7	20.3	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	106.4	106.8	107.0	- 0.4	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	21.9	22.3	21.6	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	10.4	10.5	11.5	- 0.1	- 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	11.6	11.5	11.9	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Printing & Publishing	9.5	9.5	9.4	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.6	30.6	30.5	0	+ 0.1
Inorganic Chemicals	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0
Organic Chemicals	10.6	10.6	10.6	0	0
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.6	0	0
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.5	11.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	9.8	9.8	9.5	0	+ 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,344.9	1,345.8	1,313.0	- 0.9	+31.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	108.2	107.6	105.8	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	65.5	64.9	62.9	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Water Transportation	23.3	22.7	22.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
Communications & Public Util.	37.9	37.9	38.0	0	- 0.1
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.0	15.9	15.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv.	21.9	22.0	22.1	- 0.1	- 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	391.7	391.2	382.8	+ 0.5	+ 8.9
Wholesale Trade	87.4	87.5	85.1	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.7	47.7	46.7	0	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.7	39.8	38.4	- 0.1	+ 1.3
Retail Trade	304.3	303.7	297.7	+ 0.6	+ 6.6
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	11.8	11.8	11.3	0	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	41.4	41.3	39.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Food Stores	59.7	59.6	58.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	34.5	34.4	33.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Apparel and Accessory	15.4	15.4	15.3	0	+ 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	10.7	10.7	10.6	0	+ 0.1
Eating and Drinking Places	99.8	99.8	97.9	0	+ 1.9
Other Retail Trade	31.0	30.7	30.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.4	79.2	78.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Banking	28.3	28.3	27.9	0	+ 0.4
Insurance	26.9	26.9	26.7	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	425.8	425.1	406.9	+ 0.7	+18.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.3	22.3	21.4	0	+ 0.9
Personal Services	14.1	14.4	13.8	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Business Services	69.7	69.9	65.0	- 0.2	+ 4.7
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	12.6	12.6	12.0	0	+ 0.6
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.8	6.6	0	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	20.7	21.1	15.2	- 0.4	+ 5.5
Health Services	145.6	145.4	140.5	+ 0.2	+ 5.1
Hospitals	61.6	61.4	59.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Legal Services	16.6	16.6	16.8	0	- 0.2
Educational Services	21.3	22.0	21.1	- 0.7	+ 0.2
Social Services	28.7	26.4	27.8	+ 2.3	+ 0.9
Membership Organizations	26.7	26.9	26.9	- 0.2	- 0.2
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.0	29.0	27.8	0	+ 1.2
Miscellaneous Services	6.3	6.3	6.8	0	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	339.8	342.7	339.2	- 2.9	+ 0.6
Federal	36.7	37.0	37.1	- 0.3	- 0.4
State and Local	303.1	305.7	302.1	- 2.6	+ 1.0
State	102.9	101.9	102.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.3
Local	200.2	203.8	199.5	- 3.6	+ 0.7

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July '94*	June '94**	July '93**	July '94*	June '94**	July '93**	July '94*	June '94**	July '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$562.39	$570.72	$528.32	42.8	43.7	41.6	$13.14	$13.06	$12.70
Durable Goods	506.04	529.98	479.52	43.4	44.8	42.7	11.66	11.83	11.23
Lumber & Wood Products	434.48	416.60	423.65	44.7	44.7	45.8	9.72	9.32	9.25
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	433.79	453.87	472.06	39.4	41.0	41.3	11.01	11.07	11.43
Fabricated Metal Products	471.05	452.40	435.94	43.9	42.8	41.4	10.73	10.57	10.53
Machinery, ex. Electrical	499.82	522.26	487.89	43.2	45.1	43.1	11.57	11.58	11.32
Electric & Electronic Equip.	746.95	973.88	719.13	39.5	50.2	44.2	18.91	19.40	16.27
Transportation Equipment	566.01	591.92	500.96	45.1	46.1	40.4	12.55	12.84	12.40
Nondurable Goods	607.43	605.32	567.36	42.3	42.9	40.7	14.36	14.11	13.94
Food & Kindred Products	350.55	331.20	307.65	41.0	40.0	36.8	8.55	8.28	8.36
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	239.07	256.68	183.27	34.3	37.2	29.8	6.97	6.90	6.15
Paper & Allied Products	689.41	663.31	635.62	43.8	43.1	41.9	15.74	15.39	15.17
Printing & Publishing	461.72	476.35	445.39	38.8	40.3	38.1	11.90	11.82	11.69
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	906.66	912.13	848.65	46.0	46.8	45.7	19.71	19.49	18.57
Petroleum & Coal Products	931.84	942.21	928.27	45.5	46.3	46.6	20.48	20.35	19.92
Petroleum Refining	958.51	956.30	955.82	45.6	45.8	46.9	21.02	20.88	20.38
MINING	664.09	646.60	632.90	51.4	49.7	49.1	12.92	13.01	12.89
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	633.39	621.81	592.86	43.0	42.3	41.0	14.73	14.70	14.46
BANKING	336.70	335.59	321.84	36.4	37.0	36.0	9.25	9.07	8.94

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **134,900** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **83,300** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July '94*	June '94**	July '93**	July '94*	June '94**	July '93**	July '94*	June '94**	July '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$675.17	$656.12	$632.96	43.7	42.8	43.0	$15.45	$15.33	$14.72
Petro-Chemicals	935.59	912.60	869.54	47.3	46.8	46.8	19.78	19.50	18.58

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$587.29	$594.95	$544.90	43.6	44.4	41.5	$13.47	$13.40	$13.13
Durable Goods	496.29	510.30	431.34	42.6	45.4	39.5	11.65	11.24	10.92
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	424.02	477.86	465.78	38.2	43.6	42.0	11.10	10.96	11.09
Fabricated Metal Products	447.37	462.16	444.05	41.5	43.6	41.5	10.78	10.60	10.70
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	456.03	483.82	366.10	42.9	45.6	36.5	10.63	10.61	10.03
Nondurable Goods	667.06	667.29	633.39	44.5	43.5	43.0	14.99	15.34	14.73
Food & Kindred Products	459.45	387.77	399.40	45.0	38.7	40.1	10.21	10.02	9.96
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	171.18	182.04	170.01	31.7	33.9	31.6	5.40	5.37	5.38
Printing & Publishing	502.36	492.42	443.91	44.3	43.5	40.1	11.34	11.32	11.07
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	905.01	954.86	927.77	45.8	47.6	48.6	19.76	20.06	19.09

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$582.34	$593.78	$534.20	43.2	43.5	40.5	$13.48	$13.65	$13.19
Lumber and Wood Products	374.46	378.85	370.23	47.4	48.2	43.0	7.90	7.86	8.61
Food and Kindred Products	335.72	318.38	282.38	30.3	29.7	27.1	11.08	10.72	10.42
Printing and Publishing	413.41	406.83	378.49	41.3	40.4	37.4	10.01	10.07	10.12
Chemicals & Allied Products	660.00	663.64	614.55	44.0	45.8	42.5	15.00	14.49	14.46

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,200** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUL., 1994 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE	REVISED JUN., 1994 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE	REVISED JUL., 1993 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE
LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)	1948.7	1798.2	150.5	7.7	1918.2	1771.8	146.4	7.6	1867.3	1734.7	132.6	7.1
LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)	2002.1	1840.3	161.8	8.1	1976.6	1805.5	171.1	8.7	1921.8	1777.0	144.8	7.5

DATA BELOW NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED. LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS & THEIR PARISH COMPONENTS	EMPLOYED PREL JUL '94	EMPLOYED REV JUN '94	EMPLOYED REV JUL '93	UNEMPLOYED PREL JUL '94	UNEMPLOYED REV JUN '94	UNEMPLOYED REV JUL '93	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PREL JUL '94	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REV JUN '94	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REV JUL '93
ALEXANDRIA (RAPIDES)	54.4	53.8	52.5	4.8	4.7	4.2	8.0	8.0	7.4
BATON ROUGE	265.2	258.9	258.2	22.5	23.6	19.4	7.8	8.4	7.0
ASCENSION	27.1	26.5	26.4	2.8	3.2	2.4	9.5	10.7	8.5
EAST BATON ROUGE	195.9	191.2	190.7	14.6	14.9	12.5	6.9	7.2	6.1
LIVINGSTON	33.2	32.4	32.3	4.1	4.4	3.6	11.0	12.1	10.0
WEST BATON ROUGE	9.0	8.8	8.8	1.0	1.1	0.9	10.2	11.0	9.3
HOUMA	75.4	74.6	72.7	5.5	6.0	5.2	6.8	7.5	6.6
LAFOURCHE	35.6	35.2	34.3	2.8	3.0	2.7	7.2	8.0	7.2
TERREBONNE	39.8	39.4	38.4	2.7	3.0	2.5	6.5	7.0	6.2
LAFAYETTE	150.7	147.8	146.3	12.1	12.7	11.2	7.4	7.9	7.1
ACADIA	20.9	20.5	20.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	8.7	9.2	9.6
LAFAYETTE	83.4	81.8	81.0	4.8	5.2	4.5	5.4	6.0	5.3
ST LANDRY	28.0	27.5	27.2	3.6	3.5	3.2	11.3	11.5	10.4
ST MARTIN	18.4	18.0	17.9	1.7	1.9	1.4	8.5	9.3	7.2
LAKE CHARLES (CALCASIEU)	77.3	75.3	74.2	6.9	7.3	6.2	8.1	8.8	7.7
MONROE (OUACHITA)	63.4	62.0	61.5	5.0	5.6	4.5	7.3	8.4	6.9
NEW ORLEANS	569.8	557.0	556.2	46.3	49.3	43.0	7.5	8.1	7.2
JEFFERSON	222.8	217.8	217.5	15.3	16.3	14.3	6.4	7.0	6.2
ORLEANS	192.8	188.4	188.2	17.3	18.4	16.0	8.2	8.9	7.8
PLAQUEMINES	9.8	9.6	9.6	0.8	1.0	0.7	8.2	9.3	6.9
ST BERNARD	29.5	28.8	28.7	2.7	2.8	2.4	8.4	8.8	7.6
ST CHARLES	19.6	19.1	19.1	1.8	1.9	1.9	8.6	9.1	9.1
ST JAMES	7.9	7.8	7.8	1.4	1.5	1.1	14.8	15.8	12.9
ST JOHN	17.2	16.9	16.8	2.0	2.1	1.9	10.3	11.0	10.0
ST TAMMANY	70.2	68.6	68.5	5.0	5.3	4.7	6.6	7.2	6.4
SHREV'T-BOSSIER CITY	170.1	166.6	161.2	14.1	14.7	12.4	7.6	8.1	7.2
BOSSIER	40.4	39.6	38.3	2.8	3.0	2.7	6.4	7.0	6.5
CADDO	112.6	110.3	106.7	8.9	9.1	7.8	7.4	7.6	6.8
WEBSTER	17.1	16.7	16.2	2.4	2.6	1.9	12.3	13.4	10.6

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

PARISH	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RAT		
	PREL JUL '94	REV JUN '94	REV JUL '93	PREL JUL '94	REV JUN '94	REV JUL '93	PREL JUL '94	REV JUN '94	REV JUL '93
ALLEN	8025	7950	7800	950	1000	900	10.5	11.2	10.4
ASSUMPTION	8725	8550	8050	875	1100	1050	9.1	11.4	11.4
AVOYELLES	15300	14450	12975	1925	1800	1650	11.1	11.2	11.3
BEAUREGARD	12025	11925	11625	1225	1350	1100	9.2	10.1	8.7
BIENVILLE	6000	5825	5750	575	625	450	8.6	9.6	7.4
CALDWELL	4125	4025	4050	525	550	400	11.3	12.0	8.8
CAMERON	3675	3625	3475	175	275	200	4.8	7.1	5.5
CATAHOULA	5200	5175	4800	625	625	475	10.6	10.9	8.9
CLAIBORNE	5275	5200	5250	650	600	400	11.1	10.4	7.2
CONCORDIA	7750	7625	7525	1125	1175	1100	12.6	13.3	12.8
DESOTO	9550	9475	9100	1000	1025	950	9.4	9.8	9.3
EAST CARROLL	3150	3200	3000	600	650	525	16.3	17.1	14.8
EAST FELICIANA	7750	7575	7425	725	700	650	8.6	8.4	8.2
EVANGELINE	11750	11625	11150	1025	1050	925	8.0	8.3	7.7
FRANKLIN	9925	9800	9400	1200	1050	1050	10.7	9.7	9.9
GRANT	6325	6325	6600	825	875	575	11.6	12.2	7.9
IBERIA	27725	27525	26850	2775	3050	2425	9.1	10.0	8.3
IBERVILLE	12225	12100	11675	1750	1975	1450	12.6	14.1	11.0
JACKSON	6250	6250	5975	625	550	375	9.0	8.2	6.0
JEFFERSON DAVIS	11150	11100	11000	1100	1225	1025	9.0	9.9	8.5
LASALLE	5600	5600	5525	525	600	475	8.7	9.6	8.1
LINCOLN	18325	17975	17625	800	800	650	4.2	4.3	3.6
MADISON	4700	4700	4450	775	675	650	14.4	12.5	12.9
MOREHOUSE	12725	12750	12450	1550	1825	1275	10.9	12.5	9.2
NATCHITOCHES	15875	15750	14775	1400	1475	1300	8.1	8.6	8.1
POINTE COUPEE	9150	9150	8800	1350	1400	1075	12.9	13.2	10.9
RED RIVER	3600	3550	3450	375	425	375	9.6	10.7	9.5
RICHLAND	7900	8050	7550	1100	1100	850	12.1	12.2	10.2
SABINE	8950	8725	8625	600	700	625	6.2	7.3	6.8
ST HELENA	3800	3800	3525	400	400	350	9.3	9.5	9.0
ST MARY	23300	22800	21475	2575	2750	2325	10.0	10.7	9.8
TANGIPAHOA	36475	36575	33825	4900	5350	4175	11.9	12.8	11.0
TENSAS	3050	3100	2875	325	300	225	9.4	8.8	7.5
UNION	11300	11100	10625	700	800	700	5.8	6.8	6.2
VERMILION	21275	21225	20075	1700	1775	1575	7.4	7.8	7.2
VERNON	16175	15775	16075	1550	1825	1400	8.7	10.4	8.0
WASHINGTON	15700	15525	14900	1750	1875	1600	10.1	10.8	9.7
WEST CARROLL	4325	4300	4550	1025	1100	775	19.2	20.5	14.5
WEST FELICIANA	3475	3425	3425	350	350	325	9.3	9.1	8.3
WINN	6400	6300	6125	575	425	300	8.3	6.2	4.7

LABOR AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	50.5	50.8	49.5	- 0.3	+ 1.0
GOODS PRODUCING	7.2	7.1	6.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.5	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	43.3	43.7	42.6	- 0.4	+ 0.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	9.0	9.0	9.1	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
SERVICES	14.5	14.5	14.3	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	6.6	6.6	6.7	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.0	13.4	12.5	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.7	11.1	10.1	- 0.4	+ 0.6
State	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
Local	5.8	6.2	5.2	- 0.4	+ 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,500 for the current month. This was 300 less than last month, but 1,000 more than July, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 7,200 for July. This was 100 more than last month as a result of an increase in the heavy construction industry. Compared to July of last year, there was an increase of 300, mainly in the construction industry.

Service producing employment was estimated at 43,300 for July. This estimate decreased 400 from June, but increased 700 from July, 1993. Seasonal reductions of non-instructional personnel in local education was totally responsible for the downturn in government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	260.9	259.4	257.1	+ 1.5	+ 3.8
GOODS PRODUCING	55.6	55.2	55.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	31.6	31.3	30.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	23.1	23.0	23.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	17.1	17.0	17.6	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.2	12.1	12.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	205.3	204.2	201.9	+ 1.1	+ 3.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.9	11.9	11.8	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57.5	57.2	56.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade	13.4	13.3	13.4	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	9.1	9.0	9.1	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Retail Trade	44.1	43.9	42.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
General Merchandise	5.9	5.8	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	14.7	14.7	14.7	0	0
Banking	4.4	4.4	4.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	65.0	64.6	63.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
GOVERNMENT	56.2	55.8	55.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
State and Local	53.8	53.4	53.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
State	27.9	27.3	27.9	+ 0.6	0
Local	25.9	26.1	25.3	- 0.2	+ 0.6

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Baton Rouge MSA nonagricultural employment level rose to 260,900 in July, with increases occurring monthly and over the year.

Positive movement in the goods producing sector resulted in an increase of 400 currently as well as over the year. A total of 55,600 employees included a 300 increase in construction, and a 100 increase in manufacturing. These increases were due to more business activity in the heavy construction and nondurable goods manufacturing segments.

The service producing sector continued to rise in July to a level of 205,300. The majority of the segments were on the upswing, excluding local government due to seasonal staff declines in education. Business demands in retail general merchandise stores, the opening of a new restaurant, and a small increase in wholesale trade, were responsible for the growth of 300 in trade. Services continued to move upward to a level of 65,000 primarily due to increases in both business and health services. Government payrolls surged to a level of 53,800 as a result of the start-up of summer sessions at state colleges and universities.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,700 production workers in all manufacturing was $675.17 for July, an increase of $19.05 from the June average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $42.21. Average weekly hours, at 43.7, increased by 0.9 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $15.45 increased by $0.12 an hour. The increase of higher-paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 287,700. This figure was comprised of 265,200 employed and 22,500 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.8 percent in July.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,784 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,452 referrals to current openings resulted in 121 placements during July.

HOUMA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61.2	61.6	59.7	- 0.4	+ 1.5
GOODS PRODUCING	13.9	13.8	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	5.1	5.0	5.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.2	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.6	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	4.1	4.1	3.6	0	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.5	1.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.3	47.8	46.0	- 0.5	+ 1.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.2	15.2	14.8	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	12.3	12.3	11.9	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.1	12.0	11.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	11.9	12.5	11.4	- 0.6	+ 0.5
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
State and Local	11.5	12.1	11.0	- 0.6	+ 0.5
State	3.0	3.4	2.8	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Local	8.5	8.7	8.2	- 0.2	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA decreased from June to July by 400, to a level of 61,200. However, there was an increase of 1,500 from the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment experienced a minimal gain of 100 over the month. Mining and manufacturing each went up by 100, while construction went down by 100 from the June estimate.

Service producing employment spiraled downward by 500. The services sector showed a small rise of 100, but couldn't overcome the drop of 600 in the state and local government segments.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	138.4	137.9	136.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
GOODS PRODUCING	34.2	34.5	33.5	- 0.3	+ 0.7
MINING	11.2	11.2	11.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	7.1	7.2	6.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	15.9	16.1	15.5	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.0	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	10.5	10.7	10.5	- 0.2	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	104.2	103.4	102.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.1	8.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	35.3	35.2	34.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	8.0	8.1	7.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	27.3	27.1	26.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	5.6	5.7	5.6	- 0.1	0
Banking	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	32.9	32.8	32.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	22.2	21.6	22.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Federal	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
State and Local	20.9	20.3	20.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
State	5.8	5.7	5.8	+ 0.1	0
Local	15.1	14.6	14.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 138,400 in July. This figure was 500 greater than the June revised estimate and 2,100 higher than the year-ago figure of 136,300.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,200, a loss of 300 from last month's estimate of 34,500. Construction had a minimal loss of 100 due to a decline in the heavy construction sector. Manufacturing was off 200 due to a seasonal drop in the food and kindred products sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 104,200, a gain of 800 from last month's estimate of 103,400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, as well as trade and services, had a minimal gain of 100 for each sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate was off 100 with the loss primarily showing up in the insurance industry. Government was up by 600 due to gains at both the state and local government levels.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	74.4	73.9	72.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
GOODS PRODUCING	19.8	19.4	19.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
MINING	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.2	6.9	6.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	11.2	11.1	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	9.3	9.3	9.5	0	- 0.2
Chemical & Petro Products	8.5	8.5	8.7	0	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	54.6	54.5	53.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.2	4.3	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	16.3	16.2	16.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
Retail Trade	13.0	12.9	13.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.2	18.3	16.6	- 0.1	+ 1.6
GOVERNMENT	13.3	13.1	12.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	12.7	12.5	12.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
State	3.6	3.5	3.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Local	9.1	9.0	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA grew from 73,900 in June, to 74,400 in July. This was an increase of 500 over the month. There was a substantial increase from July of last year totaling 1,900.

Goods producing employment rose by 400 in July to a level of 19,800. Most of the gain was due to more business in all sectors of the construction industry. Durable goods manufacturing had a small gain of 100.

Service producing employment noted a minimal change with an increase of 100. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services had a decrease of 100 each from June. Trade and government exhibited increases of 100 and 200 respectively from last month. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment remained unchanged over the month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	62.7	62.4	61.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
GOODS PRODUCING	11.5	11.4	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.0	3.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	8.0	8.1	8.0	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.7	5.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.1	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	51.2	51.0	50.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.3	15.3	14.8	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.0	12.0	11.6	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.0	3.8	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.3	4.4	+ 0.1	0
Banking	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICES	16.1	16.2	15.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.0	11.8	11.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	11.5	11.3	11.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
State	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.0	6.8	7.1	+ 0.2	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Monroe MSA was estimated at 62,700 for July, 1994. This was 300 above the June revised estimate and 1,100 above the July, 1993 figure.

Goods producing employment rose 100, to an estimated level of 11,500. Mining remained stable. Construction, estimated at 3,200, was up 200 over the month. Manufacturing, estimated at 8,000, was 100 below the June estimate.

Service producing employment, estimated at 51,200, was up 200 over the month and 1,000 higher than the July, 1993 estimate of 50,200. Wholesale and retail trade remained unchanged over the month. Government increased by 200, with the gain centered in the local government sector.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	574.9	572.5	569.6	+ 2.4	+ 5.3
GOODS PRODUCING	87.4	87.6	86.6	- 0.2	+ 0.8
MINING	13.9	13.9	14.2	0	- 0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.4	13.4	13.7	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	24.7	25.0	25.4	- 0.3	- 0.7
MANUFACTURING	48.8	48.7	47.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	23.2	23.0	21.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.3	1.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	4.4	4.5	4.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Transportation Equipment	12.3	12.1	11.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.7	9.6	8.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	25.6	25.7	25.3	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.6	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	487.5	484.9	483.0	+ 2.6	+ 4.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	42.8	42.7	43.2	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Railroad Transportation	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.4	8.4	8.3	0	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	11.7	11.4	12.2	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Comm. & Public Util.	13.0	13.1	13.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	140.6	140.8	140.3	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	33.3	33.4	33.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.3	17.6	17.4	- 0.3	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	16.0	15.8	16.0	+ 0.2	0
Retail Trade	107.3	107.4	106.9	- 0.1	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	12.4	12.4	12.1	0	+ 0.3
Food Stores	20.7	20.6	21.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	37.9	38.4	38.5	- 0.5	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	30.3	30.3	30.0	0	+ 0.3
Banking	9.7	9.7	9.5	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	170.0	168.6	167.5	+ 1.4	+ 2.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.3	13.2	- 0.2	- 0.1
Health Services	49.2	49.0	48.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Educational Services	14.9	15.1	14.9	- 0.2	0
GOVERNMENT	103.8	102.5	102.0	+ 1.3	+ 1.8
Federal	17.0	17.1	17.7	- 0.1	- 0.7
State and Local	86.8	85.4	84.3	+ 1.4	+ 2.5
State	24.0	23.8	22.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Local	62.8	61.6	61.6	+ 1.2	+ 1.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA was estimated at 574,900 for July. This was 2,400 above the June revised level and 5,300 higher than July, 1993.

Goods producing, estimated at 87,400, was 200 below last month's level, but 800 higher than July of last year. Decreases in heavy construction was solely responsible for the employment drop in the construction segment as well as the goods producing industry. Mining employment held steady over the month, while manufacturing showed a small increase of 100 from June.

Service producing employment was estimated at 487,500 for July, up 2,600 from June and 4,500 above July one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities exhibited a small increase of 100 over the month. Trade was lower in both the wholesale and retail sectors. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment was unchanged from June. Services showed a substantial growth in the social services sector. The increase in summer hires boosted local government employment, as well as the estimate for total government.

An estimated 34,600 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $587.29 per week, down $7.67 from last month's revised figure. Average weekly hours were 43.6, down from 44.4 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.47, up from $13.40 in June, and $0.34 higher than July of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 46,300 in July. The unemployment rate registered 7.5 percent.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1994*	June 1994**	July 1993**	Net Change From June 1994	Net Change From July 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	159.9	159.5	154.1	+ 0.4	+ 5.8
GOODS PRODUCING	31.7	32.1	30.9	- 0.4	+ 0.8
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	8.3	8.4	8.0	- 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	20.4	20.7	19.8	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	14.2	14.5	13.7	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.9	4.9	4.7	0	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	5.3	5.6	4.7	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Nondurable Goods	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	128.2	127.4	123.2	+ 0.8	+ 5.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.1	8.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	37.2	36.9	36.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	9.0	8.9	8.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	28.2	28.0	27.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.7	6.8	6.7	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	45.4	44.5	41.0	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
GOVERNMENT	30.7	31.1	30.5	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Federal	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
State and Local	25.6	26.0	25.4	- 0.4	+ 0.2
State	8.5	8.5	8.5	0	0
Local	17.1	17.5	16.9	- 0.4	+ 0.2

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 159,900 for July, 1994. This was 400 higher than the June revised estimate and 5,800 above the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 31,700, a loss of 400 from last month's estimate of 32,100. Manufacturing had a drop of 300 with the loss being reported in the durable goods sector. Construction declined by 100 due to the special trade contractors sector.

Service producing employment increased to 128,200, showing a gain of 800 from last month's estimate of 127,400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had a minimal gain of 100. Trade was up 300 with the gains occurring at the wholesale and retail levels. Finance, insurance, and real estate was down by 100. Services increased by 900 primarily due to the third of three riverboat gambling casinos coming on-line. Government was down 400 due to local public school payrolls declining for the summer.

An estimated 15,200 production workers in manufacturing in the MSA had average weekly earnings of $582.34 in July, compared to $593.78 in June. Average weekly hours decreased to 43.2 in July, compared to 43.5 for June. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.48 in July, compared to $13.65 in June.

The civilian labor force for Shreveport-Bossier City MSA, estimated at 184,200 included 170,100 employed and 14,100 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.6 percent.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States. Prices are gathered from 85 areas across the country. The years 1982-84 are used as the base period. While the CPI may provide a broad outline of price fluctuations, it cannot reflect individual buying trends or regional experiences.

ANNUAL AVERAGES

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS		URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL WORKERS	
YEAR	INDEX*	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
1987	113.6	+ 3.6	112.5	+ 3.6
1988	118.3	+ 4.1	117.0	+ 4.0
1989	124.0	+ 4.8	122.6	+ 4.8
1990	130.7	+ 5.4	129.0	+ 5.2
1991	136.2	+ 4.2	134.3	+ 4.1
1992	140.3	+ 3.0	138.2	+ 2.9
1993	144.5	+ 3.0	142.1	+ 2.8

MONTHLY 1993 - 1994

		% CHANGE FROM PRIOR			% CHANGE FROM PRIOR	
1993	INDEX	[MONTH	YEAR]	INDEX	[MONTH	YEAR]
Jan.	142.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.3	140.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Feb.	143.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.2	140.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Mar.	143.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.1	141.1	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Apr.	144.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.2	141.6	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
May	144.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.2	141.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
June	144.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.0	142.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
July	144.4	0	+ 2.8	142.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
Aug.	144.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.8	142.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Sept.	145.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.7	142.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Oct.	145.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.8	143.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Nov.	145.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.7	143.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Dec.	145.8	0	+ 2.7	143.3	- 0.1	+ 2.5
1994						
Jan.	146.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	143.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Feb.	146.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	144.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Mar.	147.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	144.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Apr.	147.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.4	144.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
May	147.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	144.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
June	148.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	145.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
July	148.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.8	145.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.6

TO COMPUTE PERCENT CHANGE:

$$\frac{\text{CURRENT PERIOD - PRIOR PERIOD}}{\text{PRIOR PERIOD}} \times 100 = \% \text{ change}$$

*Based to 1982-1984 = 100.0

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